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2 Introduced by Representatives Ode of Burlington, Bock of Chester, Burke of
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4 South Burlington, Hooper of Randolph, Houghton of Essex,
5 Jickling of Randolph, Joseph of North Hero, Lucke of Hartford,
6 Morris of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Noyes of Wolcott,
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8 Middlebury, Sheldon of Middlebury, Sibilina of Dover, Stuart of
9 Brattleboro, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Townsend
10 of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City,
11 Wood of Waterbury, and Yantachka of Charlotte

12 Referred to Committee on

13 Date:

14 Subject: Civil marriage; child marriage

15 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to restrict civil
16 marriage to individuals 18 years of age or older.

17 An act relating to child marriage

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 5142 is amended to read:

3 § 5142. PERSONS NOT AUTHORIZED TO MARRY

4 The following persons are not authorized to marry, and a town clerk shall
5 not knowingly issue a civil marriage license, when:

6 (1) either party is a person who has not attained majority, ~~unless the~~
7 ~~town clerk has received in writing the consent of one of the parents of the~~
8 ~~minor, if there is a parent competent to act, or of the guardian of the minor;~~

9 (2) ~~either party is under 16 years of age;~~

10 (3) either of the parties is mentally incapable of entering into marriage
11 as defined in 15 V.S.A. § 514;

12 (4) either of the parties is under guardianship, without the written
13 consent of the party's guardian;

14 (5) ~~[Repealed.]~~

15 (6) the parties are prohibited from marrying under 15 V.S.A. § 1a on
16 account of consanguinity or affinity; or

17 (7) either of the parties has a ~~wife or husband~~ spouse living, as
18 prohibited under 13 V.S.A. § 206 (bigamy).

19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.